

Response to Office action 10/31/2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-9, 14-16 and 19 remain in the application. Claims 1, 6-8, 14-16 and 19 have been amended. Claims 10-13, 17, and 18 have been canceled.

More specifically, the claims have been amended in light of and in response to the Examiner's objections outlined on pages 3 and 4 of the Office action. In that regard, the Examiner's careful review of the claims is appreciated.

Also enclosed is a substitute declaration in accordance with Rule 63 and an application data sheet. The declaration has not yet been signed by the inventors. An executed copy will be submitted as soon as it is available.

The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted;



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